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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady in the East, steady elsewhere. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate, best for fast food and active ads. Supplies of smaller sized product was balanced to at times tight, but heavier weights were at least adequate. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate. Dark meat was in balance to tight and in the strongest position. Breast items were sufficient with tenders in the longest position and bone-in closer balanced. Wings were readily available to ample. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights. The Composite Weighted Average Price for 05/30/05 was 71.69 compared to 73.20 last week, and 81.82 a year ago.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 74.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 78.75 cents last year on June 2, 2004.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	173.50
BREASTS - B/S	145.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	84.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	104.00
LEG QUARTERS	39.50
WINGS	84.00

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was light to moderate, best for active retail ads, first of the month business, and fast food. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light to moderate with dark meat close balanced to well cleared and in the best position. Tenders and wings were readily available with limited interest, and all other breast items were mostly adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at irregular, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers ranged fair to good during midweek trading. Offerings of 3 pound and lighter sizes were well cleared; heavier sizes were fully adequate. Retail and distributive movement was mostly moderate. The market tone was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were adequate to well cleared. Tenders and wings were at least adequate to fully adequate. Dark meat cuts were adequate and clearing satisfactorily.

MIDWEST REGION The market tone remained steady on whole broiler/fryers. Offerings and trade fill-in noted as light overall; Chicago noted 2 3/4 lb. Wogs at 61 cents, Ohio 63 cents. Retail and food service was lacking and ranged slow to moderate at best. Catering and instances fast food outlets provided best call. Floor stocks were in balance to fully adequate; weights desirable. Trade on parts was light on adequate offerings with dark meat cuts tight. The market tone was fully steady to firm on dark meat, weak on tenderloins, and steady to barely steady on whole and boneless/skinless breasts.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was steady overall. Offerings were at least adequate on heavy weight whole body and in fair balance on small sized product. Retailer demand was generally good best where feature activities in progress. Floor stocks in fairly good balance for immediate needs. Trade sentiment was about steady to fully steady on parts with dark meat items in the strongest position.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE	
WEEK ENDING 05/28/05	2005	2004
EGGS SET	216,018	212,907
CHICKS PLACED	176,859	175,708

PERCENT CHANGE
PREVIOUS YEAR

+01

+01

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 216 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 28, 2005. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

CHICKS PLACED UP UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 28, 2005. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through May 28, 2005 were 3.69 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 09-Jul-05 is estimated at 162.2 million head. This compares to 162.7 million head the previous week and to 164.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 147.8 million head and the composite weighted average price was 83.44 cents per pound.

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

POUNDS

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	680	120.00-185.00	125-129	128.07
TENDERLOINS	253	100.00-180.00	115-120	119.23
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	552	36.00-40.00	38	37.90
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	910	38.00-43.00	40	40.22
WINGS (WHOLE)	300	70.00-85.00	82-84	81.92
WINGS (CUT)	410	87.00-97.00	94-97	94.96
DRUMSTICKS	68	56.00-62.00	-	56.71
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	80	107.00-113.00	-	108.50

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR JUNE 01, 2005 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
54.00 - 59.50	57.14	54.34

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was mostly moderate during midweek trading. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were sufficient for current needs; bone-in breasts were adequate to closely cleared. Dark meat cuts were clearing satisfactorily. Wings were at least adequate to fully adequate. Retail and distributive movement was moderate. The market tone was generally steady to fully steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	140	134.29	786,180
TENDERLOINS	130	133.84	137,355
BREAST - WITH RIBS	85-86	91.81	138,360
BREAST - LINE RUN	85	87.17	98,440
LEGS	52-53	55.65	226,780
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	40-41	39.64	389,040
DRUMSTICKS	44-45	50.72	158,220
THIGHS	46-47	53.93	111,640
B/S THIGHS	104-105	99.44	129,320
WINGS (WHOLE)	82-83	88.10	132,640
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.88	17,160
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	34.69	17,680
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.92	33,120

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL WTS	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Alabama	4,075	4,110	(A)	4,427	(A)	5.00	3,993	5.31
Arkansas	5,465	5,517	(A)	5,400	(A)	4.75	5,345	5.17
Delmarva	2,333	2,293	(A)	2,984	(A)	5.54	2,306	5.66
KY-LA-TN	2,290	2,320	1,291	2,399	4.88	4.94	2,255	5.22
Mississippi	3,077	3,038	2,814	3,194	5.69	5.58	2,959	5.66
North Car	2,551	2,523	887	3,092	7.51	6.33	2,363	6.56
Texas	2,585	2,449	2,521	2,474	5.30	5.04	2,549	5.25
Total	22,376	22,250	10,827	23,970	5.39	5.26	21,770	5.48

Mon-Wed 55,824(B)

65,432(B)

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 01-Jun-05 is estimated to be 33,477,000 head up 2.48 percent from a week ago and up 8.23 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,668,000, last year 30,932,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS	
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 108
	ICE PACK 105-107
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 111
	ICE PACK 108-111
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK 95
	ICE PACK 89-93
DUCKS	180-192

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 04-Jun-05

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	06/04/05 (1)	05/28/05
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	155,013 (2)	169,660
Light hens	1,419	1,657
Heavy hens	1,281	1,452
Total	157,713	172,769

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 04-Jun-05 is 165.9 million head compared to 144.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 155.3 million head or 10.6 million less than estimated available. For the week of 11-Jun-05 the estimated available is 167.1 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 05/30/05	115,461	46,363
AM 05/01/05	112,518	48,154
CHG	2,943	1,791
PCT CHG	3	-4

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	05/30/05	05/23/05	05/31/04	05/30/05	05/23/05	05/31/04
PACIFIC						
COAST	4,166	4,186	8,632	6,167	6,147	4,261
LOS ANGELES	101	93	362	3,530	3,607	2,907

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF MAY 30, 2005

	RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX) 74-80
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX) 80-84

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 05/31/05

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	1.10	1.40	1.33	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	2.75	3.00	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.50	5.00	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	2.00	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.65	1.30	.92	RABBITS ea.	2.00	2.50	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.75	5.25	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	1.25	2.75	-
GUINEA KEETS ea	2.003	.25	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.-	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	47						

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending May 27, 2005

	<u>Whole</u>		<u>Legs</u>	<u>Necks, Backs</u>	<u>Livers/</u>	
	<u>Chickens</u>	<u>Breasts</u>	<u>W/ Thighs</u>	<u>& Wings</u>	<u>Gizzards</u>	<u>Hens</u>
RAYON						
Low	75.09	141.84	83.44	14.60	6.26	67.58
High	77.18	150.19	91.78	20.86	12.52	67.58
Mostly	77.18	146.01	91.78	16.69	8.34	67.58

SAN JUAN

Low	76.34	141.84	83.44	14.60	6.26	68.00
High	77.18	150.19	91.78	20.86	12.52	68.00
Mostly	77.18	146.01	91.78	16.69	8.34	68.00

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	74.68	133.50	75.09	12.52	10.43	66.33
High	77.18	141.84	87.61	20.86	14.60	66.33
Mostly	77.18	137.67	79.27	18.77	10.43	66.33

BECERRA

Low	75.09	141.84	83.44	14.60	6.26	66.75
High	77.18	150.19	91.78	20.86	12.52	66.75
Mostly	77.18	141.84	87.61	16.69	8.34	66.75

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to good and centered mainly on tight supplies of 2.50 and 3.00 pound sizes. 3.50 pound sizes were generally adequate; heavier weights were fully adequate to ample. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 72 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, supplies were adequate to fully adequate with bone-in breasts and leg items in the closer balance with needs. ACTUAL SLAUGHTER WEEK ENDING 05/28/2005 WAS 12,078,027 @ 5.62 LBS.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

**BRANDED
U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE	63-86
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	75.81
NO. OF BOXES	7,438

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